



EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
John Pafford et al.) Before the Examiner
Serial No. 08/740,031) D. Isabella
Filed: October 23, 1996) Group Art Unit 3738
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed February 16, 1999 finally rejecting claims 1-13, 18-42, 52-55, 73 and 74. This appeal applies to each said claim. The fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is \$300.00. Please charge said fee and any additional fee that is required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

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